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EDITORIAL



Welcome to the "new" *UFO Commentary*. This is the first issue to be put out by the new team. We hope you, the reader, will find it interesting and enlightening.

As a matter of policy, we intend to make *UFO Commentary* a quality journal of serious research. We will not be dogmatic or narrow minded and will consider all aspects of the UFO problem. If we -- and ufologists in general -- are to advance the frontiers of ufological knowledge, it is imperative that we approach our subject in the spirit of inquiry and critical thought. Let us never fall in to the category described by semanticist Alfred Korzybski:

Those who copy animals *must* behave as dogmatists, categorists, absolutists, 'know alls'; they must become fanatical, intolerant; when they meet others of their kind, a fight must follow. They do not want to think. They are not interested in investigating, for why should they? They "know it all," which is all there is to know about it. They will persecute others who [do] think. For them thinking and science are crimes, or, at best an unnecessary waste of time; and, if forced to think, it is a serious pain to them. They take everything for granted....

Encouraging free and unfettered inquiry does not, however, give one license to practice muddled thinking, slipshod investigation or poor documentation. For instance, there will be no articles along the lines of "I Was Seduced by a Venusian Transvestite" -- unless the author is able to back it up and is willing to submit to the most rigorous scrutiny.

UFO Commentary is non-profit. Our sole purpose is to give the ufological community a medium for in-depth reporting of UFO cases and other pertinent material. From time to time, we will also present useful catalogs and the results of original research by serious students of the subject.

This then is a brief summary of the philosophy behind *UFO Commentary*. Won't you join us each issue as we probe deeper into the 20th century's most intriguing enigma?

Allen Benz

A Report on the Yugoslavian Flap of 1967
Joseph M. Brill

During the latter part of November, 1967 an intense UFO flap occurred in Yugoslavia.

On Monday, November 20th, around 4:30 p.m. (local time) Mr. D. Jovich, a correspondent for the Yugoslavian daily newspaper *Vecernje Novosti* was returning by car from Ilirska Bistrica to Kopar, when he noticed on the horizon two radiating objects of elliptical shape. The objects radiated a very strong light similar to red hot iron and left a blazing trail behind them.

Although it was rather dark, Jovich stopped his car in order to take a picture, before the objects disappeared behind some clouds. The objects were somewhat smaller in appearance than the moon. Their speed approximated that of "a jet plane at a great distance."¹ He then saw them disappear somewhere in the direction of Rovinj.

That night farmers in the village of Bojovich, near Andrejevica, (some 375 miles away from Rovinj) saw an unusual illuminated object emitting bursts of fire over Mt. Komovi. They also saw it descend to the point where the fire bursts almost reached the forest at the foot of the mountain. Soon thereafter the forest was ablaze and the fire was not extinguished until the next day.

Some of the witnesses believed that the object came from the squadron seen earlier that morning over Ivangrad, approximately 35 miles north. Numerous residents of Ivangrad saw the phenomenon. One witness, Svetozar Buturich, a salesman, described the event:

Quite unexpectedly around 6 a.m. on Monday, November 20th when I arrived at the tanning factory I noticed strange flying objects which were moving from Bijelo Polje toward Peć. They had a strange oval shape and emitted bursts of fire. The whole thing resembled a parade since the flying objects moved in a circle changing their altitude as if they were performing acrobatic acts.²

Four days later, officials said the cause of the fire had not been determined.

Vecernje Novosti sent reporter D. Jovich (the same Jovich mentioned earlier) to the region to investigate the reports. "He can only confirm the stories of the farmers of the village of Bojovich..." the paper stated in its November 24th edition.

Early on the morning of the 22nd the people of Niksić awakened to the news that near dawn citizens on the periphery of town had noticed an unidentified flying object of strange shape radiating a blinding light. Punisha Vujovich, an employee of the Niksić Municipal Council, first noticed the UFO over the artificial lake of Krupac, near Niksić. He asserted that "it radiated light incomparably brighter than the Morning Star."³

Meanwhile, the people of Ivangrad some 40 miles east of Niksić observed another group of UFOs. At 6:10 a.m. two flying objects of unknown origin and illuminated with a strange light, flew over Ivangrad. They travelled in a North South direction. The objects stayed close to the horizon, flying in a circular fashion increasing and decreasing their altitude. At the same time bursts of

fire and a strange light emanated from them. Thirty five minutes later they had originally been sighted, the UFOs disappeared in the direction of Pec.

Many Ivangrad residents came out on their balconies to watch these objects which they had never seen before.

The same day several hundred people in Leskovac (123 miles east of Ivangrad) watched the flight of an unidentified flying object moving at great height in a west to east direction. Witnesses described it as a pyramid shaped object with what appeared to be a dome on top.

UFOs appeared again on Thursday (Nov.23). Friday (Nov.24) and Saturday (Nov.25) in the mountainous regions of Kolasin and Ivangrad Counties, in the villages of Matsevo, Lijeva Rijecka, Moreca and Gornje Polimje in squadron formation.

In a six day period from Monday to Saturday, six separate fires started in this region on the mountain tops of Komovi, Crni Vrh, Bjelasica, Sirjajevina, Prekobrdje, Ostravica and Rovci near Kolasin. The press reported that the causes of the fires "are unknown."⁴ Witnesses noticed that the fire spread quickly proved very difficult to control and created very high temperatures, so high in fact that the villagers claimed it even melted stone.

Mijo Radovich and Mojsije Rakocovic received second and third degree burns over their bodies in the fires at the villages of Prekobrdje and Moraca.

Vecernje Novosti sent reporter D. Jolich to the area to investigate the phenomenon. He visited the villages of Matsevo and Prekobrdje, approximately 40 miles from Ivangrad, and interviewed a number of witnesses.

On the Matsevo-Kolasin road Jolich met Milika Scepanovich, a driver, and his co-travellers Milija Vujisich and Milivoje Milosevich, all from Prekobrdje and Moraca, near Kolasin. Scepanovich stated:

Driving from Kolasin toward Matsevo on the way to Ivangrad on Thursday (Nov.23) around 7:30p.m. I noticed through the window of my vehicle two flying objects, one of which was larger than the other. They moved in a North-South direction, from Mojkovac toward Komovi. I stopped my truck and together with my passengers watched an unusual sight. Suddenly the light of the flying object blinded us and we became very frightened. The object began to land vertically emitting bursts of fire. It stayed very close to the ground hovering some 15 minutes, and then suddenly went straight up and continued in the direction of Komovi where the other object had already gone.

This statement was supported by Vujisich and Milosevich, as well as by farmers from the villages of Kralje, Bare and Jublan.

On the way back from Ivangrad Jolich interviewed Zarija Vukich and his wife who live in the village of Slatina:

On Thursday morning (Nov.23rd) around 4:50a.m. I went with

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my wife Stana to see what had caused the commotion in the barn where I keep my sheep. Suddenly above the mountain Zeljevice a large flying thing appeared emitting a fiery trail. It moved slowly and in circles going up and down near the mountain. It looked like a high rise building with many windows[and] with a diameter of over a 100 meters. I heard a whizzing sound and then a strong wind blew until the flying object disappeared. My wife was stunned, and to tell you the truth I would have fallen down if it were not for a tree I watched from behind. I asked myself if this thing had really taken place before our eyes or were we dreaming; and believe me my Stana was fearful.

Milovan Vukicevich, a worker, also from Slatina, gave Jolich a similar story.

Ten forest fires erupted after UFOs had been observed near Kosovska Metorvica in the mountainous regions of Crni Vrh, Medjedjak, Dubocak and in one of area of Mokra Gora. The press stated "The only thing that is really known is that the fires spread very rapidly and it is very difficult to bring them under control."⁵ The fire on Mt. Crni Vrh destroyed over 50 hectares [50 hectares is 123,550 acres Ed.] by November 28.

Workers from the Mokra Gora forest company located at Zubin Potok worked continuously to extinguish the fires.⁶ "It is impossible to extinguish the fires" said a group of Mokra Gora workers. "The flames are so sharp they are destroying everything in their path. Occasionally even the stones are not spared. At times we are able to bring the fires under control. During the night, however, it appears that these flying objects ignite the fires as if you were to throw a lighted match into a barrel of gasoline."⁷

Vecernje Novosti in its November 29th issue said:

It is certain that something very unusual is 'wandering' in the sky. It is also certain that the appearance of these 'flying objects' until yesterday has been directly connected with the forest fires in locations ten or more kilometers apart from each other.

Observers noted that the UFOs circled in squadrons over the region in the same direction and at the same time, in the evening around 7:30 p.m. and in the morning around 5:00 to 6:00 a.m.

Journalist Lj. Mihailovich travelled to the area to learn more about the "flying saucers." He wrote:

The more testimony I heard, the more the stories of observations have become detailed and plausible. A villager from Kaludra, for example, told me that on November 25 he saw with his naked eyes a bright object in the shape of a saucer which moved unusually fast. The object left behind a fantastic trail. 'At the moment when this happened I could have found a needle, it was so bright, although my vision is very

poor.⁸
A group of children watching their cattle at the village of Brnjak also reported what they saw:

Last Friday [November 24] the weather was splendid. We stayed with our cattle at the foot of the mountain Mokra Gora until late that night. Suddenly the sky became ablaze. Something roundly shaped, but occasionally cigar shaped, was flying through the sky. The object moved slowly up and down (increasing and decreasing altitude). Although the night had already fallen and it was chilly, we felt a heat wave as if it were the middle of summer. The cattle also became very restless. [They] bellowed and the sheep ran away, looking for cover. It all lasted only a few minutes.⁹

A week later, December 1st, fear and panic persisted amongst the population in the mountainous regions of the Ivangrad & Kolasin communities due to the appearance of the UFOs. Villagers gazed day and night at the skies watching for new fires. Even the oldest people in the area could not remember so many fires at that time of year. The mysterious forest fires destroyed over 200 hectares [494,200 acres Ed.]. Shepherds lost their huts and the grazing ground turned useless. The people continued claiming that the UFOs caused the fires by hovering above the ground and emitting fiery bursts. Officials from the Interior Department, while maintaining that they don't believe in the flying objects, admitted to also having seen the objects.

Yugoslavia's largest newspaper, *Ekspres Politika*, sent a team of reporters to interview officials. They interviewed Mihajlo Vukovich, police commander at Kolasin, Danilo Medenica, one of the firefighters and Mica Trifunovic, a policeman in Ivangrad.

Vukovich said:

There were all told 14 larger and smaller fires in the past 10 days in our region. They usually started on the mountain tops and that is unusual for this time of year. The fires were more difficult to contain & spread rapidly. If it were not for the rains yesterday, there was an imminent danger of the fires spreading in the direction of the villages of Moraca, Prekobrdja and Matsevo. In Kolasin and the surrounding villages the population had been put on the alert. The cause of these fires has not yet been determined, although we have been striving to find out. It appears as if invisible hands set all of these fires.¹⁰

The reporters asked Vukovich "What do you think about these flying objects?" The commander responded "I didn't see any saucers, but the policemen under my command claim to have seen some, as well as our superiors."¹¹

Medenica said that he had not seen any UFOs either but "I do believe the peasants who said they had seen them starting these fires. I do see a connec-

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tion between the appearance of these unusual flying objects and the fires. All the members of the [firefighting] staff share this opinion...officials of the Interior Department, [however], are reluctant to agree with us."¹²

Trifunovic added his own observations: "I saw an unusual flying object over Ivangrad. It moved in a circle, going up and down vertically, as if executing some flying maneuver. This object was round and it emitted fiery bursts."¹³

The reporters published their conclusion in the December 1st issue of *Ekspres Politika*. "Personal observation of flying objects, conversations with eyewitnesses and an investigation on the location [sic] for two days in the mountains near Kolasin, have revealed that the mysterious illuminated objects in reality pass over this region of our country."¹⁴

NOTES

1. *Vecernje Novosti*, November 26, 1967
2. *Vecernje Novosti*, November 24, 1967
3. *Borba*, November 23, 1967
4. *Vecernje Novosti*, November 27, 1967
5. *Vecernje Novosti*, November 29, 1967
6. The Mokra Gora Company is the owner of the burned forest. The company has set up watch towers on the mountain tops to guard against further fires.
7. *Vecernje Novosti*, November 29, 1967
8. Ibid.
9. Ibid.
10. *Ekspres Politika*, December 1, 1967
11. Ibid.
12. Ibid.
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid.

Comment
by Ted Phillips

The following cases compare favorably with the reports from Yugoslavia.
Boaria, Italy, October 15, 1954 ... An egg shaped object was seen flying at tree top level. The object was dark, surrounded by short blue and yellow flames and emitted bursts of light. As it flew over, cows panicked and ran, a farmer fainted, a small pond was dried up and haystacks caught fire. The cattle suffered burns to their backs. The object was seen by three other witnesses.^{1&2}

Luino, Italy, October 15, 1954 ^{1&2} An oval object made a pass over a range of trees, two of which caught fire.

Po-di-Gnocca, Italy, October 15, 1954 ... A number of people observed a disc on the ground. It remained there briefly and then ascended vertically. Trees in the area were burned.^{1&2}

Dupo, Illinois, August 21, 1969 ... Six witnesses observed a glowing oval shaped object passing overhead low to the ground. They saw glowing particles float toward the ground. A fire started in a field below the flight path of the object, with flames up to three feet high.³ The observers said they heard a humming sound as the object passed overhead.

The preceding article is the result of work done on the part of Mr. Joseph M. Brill(4) and myself. Joe, while still a young man, has done a tremendous amount of work on the UFO problem in the past six years.

During the past year he has started to specialize in Iron Curtain UFO sightings and research being done there. He has many reliable contacts in several of the Iron Curtain countries. Mr. Brill is working hard to fill the gap in hard data from those countries where little information has been available.

I would hope that any individual having information on UFO reports or research from the Communist countries would pass that information along to Mr. Brill at the address given below.

For the past 26 months I have been specializing in physical traces found at alleged UFO landing sites. I feel that landing cases are perhaps the most significant of all UFO reports. When these objects are seen on the ground and leave tangible evidence, they become even more important.

To date I have gathered a total of 368 trace cases. These have been reported from 26 different countries. Of the total reports, 42 are considered Type A. Type A cases must meet the following requirements: 1) No less than two witnesses, 2) Observation of a highly unusual object at close range, 3) Observation must include a detailed description of the UFO, 4) Physical traces of a most unusual nature, 5) Investigation of the report by a competent individual.

The preceding series of reports from Yugoslavia are good examples of the Type A case.

SOURCES

1. Dr. Jacques Vallee
2. Personal sources
3. Arthur J. Epstein
4. Joseph M. Brill, 10554 Crown St., Franklin Park, IL 60131.

BOOK REVIEWS

Our Haunted Planet

The old adage you *can't beat a dead horse* apparently does not apply to John Keel, for he has succeeded in doing just that---at least he has triumphed over an equally sedate trojan equine. Although I can't comment on the financial success of *Operation Trojan Horse*, I can make the observation that it was semi-successful in ufological quarters, even to the point that it is often discussed among even hardened ETlists as a possible alternative avenue of approach to a well-trodden, and often tedious, trend of thought. It seems to me, however, that the basic reason that the UTH theory has failed to gain widespread acceptance is the premise upon which it is founded -- that of *intangibility*. An extraterrestrial is supposedly composed of substance, while an ultraterrestrial is put together without substance. This is a concept that is difficult to accept.

In any case, *Our Haunted Planet* manages to overcome some of the vague verbiage of incorporeality which ran rampant through *Operation Trojan Horse*; a nebulousity which left the reader wondering exactly what the point of Mr. Keel's 320 page dissertation of amorphous notions was. Despite the fact that the UTH theory as put forth in *OHP* can be summed up as the "They're-Out-There-Somewhere-Doing-Funny-Things-To-Us-But-We-Don't-Know-Who-They-Are" theory, it's still fairly obvious that there really *might* be something to it. Unfortunately for the reader, Keel chooses to cram a whole melange of Fortean material between the two very small covers of one book in much the same way that Frank Edwards did in his series of *Strange* books, and with about as much care in getting his facts straight, I might add. This disjointed omnium-gatherum ranges from the Piri Re'is maps on page 13 to Adolf Hitler on page 222, with a salmagundi of oddities sandwiched in between. And all of this is supposedly hung together on the UTH theory. Actually, when one accepts the UTH theory as stated above, then all the Fortean material in the book *does* hang together. One might argue that *anything* would hang together under this definition, and one would probably be not too far from the truth. The fact *still* remains though, that this theory is the *only* one that can make all the pieces fit -- vague as it may be.

Reiterating my first thought in this review, I would say that I personally found *OHP* of better presentational quality than *OTH*, and based on my comment made above would recommend it to anyone interested in UFOs or Fortean material in general. I would also say that I wholeheartedly agree with the observation of another reviewer when he stated that John Keel would be far better off if he concentrated his talents as an investigator on one particular Fortean happening or aspect of it instead of spreading himself as thin as he did in *Our Haunted Planet*.

Our Haunted Planet is published by Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut and sells for 75¢.

Paul Braczyk

Secrets of the Great Pyramid

In the Spring 1971 issue of *UFO Commentary* I reviewed Bruce Cathie's *Harmonic 33* and compared his mathematical techniques to pyramidology. At the time I wrote that review I was absolutely convinced that any mathematical symbolism found in the dimensions of the pyramids at Gizeh was all in the minds of the author/statisticians of the period in which they wrote, and nothing more and any suggestions that the Great Pyramid was used for anything other than a tomb for the Pharaohs--speculation. As of today, my views of *Harmonic 33* have changed little, and I still believe that the author knowingly or unknowingly slanted the arithmetical calculations in favor of the desired results. On the other side of the coin, I must say that my opinions of pyramidology (certain aspects of it anyway) have been slightly altered by Peter Tompkins and his presentation in *Secrets of the Great Pyramid*. The book is an exhaustive analysis of and treatise on all the explorer/adventurers and theorists since the keeping of written records who were fortunate or unfortunate enough to become ramified in the pyramidological maze of unorthodox. For me to attempt to sum up my reasons for being even imperceptibly swayed in my former opinions would be impolitic. The sheer bulk of this impressive tome (over 400 8x10 pages with hundreds of illustrations and diagrams) negates this course of action if for no other reason.

Naturally, since I am reviewing this book for a magazine called *UFO Commentary*, and not *The Amateur Archeologist*, I should at least make some attempt at linking the contents to ufology. It seems to me that the following quote from the introduction should serve to stir the blood of even the most artery-hardened UFO researcher:

Whoever built the Great Pyramid, it is now quite clear, knew the precise circumference of the planet, and the length of the year to several decimals--data which were not rediscovered till the seventeenth century. Its architects may well have known the mean length of the Earth's orbit around the Sun, the specific density of the planet, the 26,000 year cycle of the equinoxes, the acceleration of gravity and the speed of light.

But to disentangle the authentic from the phony in what has been attributed to the builders of the Great Pyramid has required the technique of a Sherlock Holmes. To climax the story there is a mystery of detection to match the classic style of Sax Rohmer's Abu Hassan, complete with radiography by cosmic rays.

An amazingly unique and fantastically hypnotic tome.

Secrets of the Great Pyramid by Peter Tompkins is published by Harper & Row, New York and sells for \$12.50.

Paul Braczyk

Two Airship Cases
Lucius Farish

The following cases come from the *Buffalo (N.Y.) Evening News* of April 9 and May 7, 1897. The first is a case from Iowa and the second from New York.

A Cleveland man is perfectly sure that he has seen the airship..about which there has been so much newspaper speculation and comment recently, says the *Cleveland Leader*. The Cleveland man is J.W. Lansing. He is a commission merchant. The firm of which he is the junior partner does business at No. 56 Central Avenue.

A reporter called at the commission house yesterday afternoon and asked Mr. Lansing to tell all about seeing the ship.

"So you can print it?," asked the commission merchant.

"Surely," said the reporter.

"Well, I guess not," said Mr. Lansing. "I saw the ship all right enough but there has been so much sarcastic comment about it that I don't want to talk on the subject for publication. I told a friend of mine that I had seen the airship only yesterday and he said: 'Say, old man, tell me where I can buy that kind.'"

The reporter urged Mr. Lansing to tell about seeing the ship, and he finally did tell the story, omitting, however some details that would have made the tale more interesting from a newspaper standpoint on account of his reluctance to have the story published.

"I was out in Iowa on a business trip. I had a lot of business to attend to, and I was travelling about quite a bit. It was at the town of Pella that I first saw the ship. It was night and I was walking down the street. I wasn't thinking anything about airships, and I was thinking about my business. I happened to look up at the sky and I saw a brilliant light. It seemed reasonably near and I said to myself, 'That is some smart boy flying a big kite with a big lantern tied to the tail.' But it wasn't. It was the airship, for the thing was moving along more rapidly than a kite or a balloon could move.

"The next evening," continued Mr. Lansing, "I was in another town, some miles south of Pella. A friend and I were sitting on the porch in front of his house. I was telling him of seeing the mysterious light moving through the air on the previous night and he laughed at me.

"That's all right," I said to him, 'you would be surprised, now wouldn't you, if that ship sailed right over your head at this very moment?'

"Indeed I would," he said, and he laughed some more.

"It wasn't 15 minutes after that that I saw a big light a long ways off and quite high in the heavens.

"Well," I said, 'here comes the ship as sure as fate.'

"My friend looked, but he couldn't see the ship at all. I finally got him to come over and sighted his eye at the light by means of a post near us. The light grew larger and larger all the time."

"Gee," said my friend, 'that thing is coming toward us mighty fast.' And it was, too. It came so swiftly that pretty soon it seemed to be al-

most directly over our heads. The light was bigger than an ordinary locomotive headlight. The ship would sail along almost straight for some time, and then it would dip down, and then recover and go along straight again. It acted just as you would expect a body moving along susceptible to currents of air to act. We could only see the brilliant and a black mass behind it.

"Several days after that," continued Mr. Lansing, "I was in Waterloo, Ia. There they told me the airship was being inspected by crowds on the public square. It had alighted and pretty nearly the whole town was out to see it. I asked one fellow how far it 'slid' when it 'lighted', and he said 'about 20 feet.' But I tell you I would have given \$25 to have a ride on the machine, and I could have told you a story worth printing."

Throughout the interview Mr. Lansing was thoroughly in earnest.

"Now don't go and print that," were his last words to the newspaperman.

The May 7th issue of the *Buffalo (N.Y.) Evening News* told of an airship sighting in Matteawan, New York. The headlined article stated: AIRSHIP AGAIN--- IT COMES EAST AND SPELLBINDS PROMINENT CITIZENS IN AND ABOUT MATTEAWAN.

"After a successful one night stand at Yonkers the airship kindly gave this place a treat last evening," stated a dispatch from Matteawan to the *New York Journal*. Prominent citizens who saw the display are still talking about the phenomenon, though the gentlemen are divided on one point. They don't know whether it was an airship, a meteor, or an overgrown lightning bug that illuminated the heaven with a white and radiant light. It is just possible, too, that the gentlemen saw a steamboat, instead of an airship, but the village continues to thrill and gasp just the same.

"The airship--let it go at that for the sake of a name--was first sighted to the west about 10:30 o'clock. At the same time the aerial craft was sailing swiftly on a beam wind, with her prow pointed due north. In the port fore chain the excited citizens beheld what they thought was an able seaman heaving the lead. And a few minutes later a green cabin boy came to the sail and chucked a larger pan of hot ashes to the windward. Owing to the distance, the craft was midway between the horizon and the zenith, the watcher could not hear what the chief mate said to the cabin boy, but a bright green lighted streak with yellow was seen flashing at intervals.

"The ship was only visible about 20 minutes, during which time a streak of powerful white light shot up into the heaven every few seconds. This may have been the skipper turning the calcium himself or taking flash light photographs of the passengers. This display was in the after part of the vessel, yet while the light burned the fabric threw no shadow. The night was quite dark and for this reason prominent citizens were unable to estimate the size of the ship. She is thought to register about 200 tons.

"As the citizens gazed and marvelled they recalled the fact that while the airship was passing through the heavens about Iowa someone dumped bushel of empty beer bottles overboard. Nothing of this kind occurred here, however. A number watched the sky tonight for a reappearance, but she probably passed Buffalo or Tonawanda.

Key to the UFO COMMENTARY World Sighting Index
Allen Benz

The *UFO Commentary World Sighting Index* is an attempt to bring together for the first time, in a single source, all of the sightings contained in the world's extant ufological monographs. The material is presented in an easy to read, coded format.

The primary arrangement is geographical with chronological and further geographical subdivisions. First, the country in which the sighting occurred is given. If the sighting happened in Canada it is given the symbol CAN, if it happened in America--USA, if in Mexico--MEX. However, other countries are given a numerical code, e.g. Brazil is 010.

If the sighting occurred in North America, the state or province is given according to a two letter code. If the sighting occurred outside of North America there is no state/province code. As used here, North America is Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Next the year is given.

Then the month is given in numerical form, e.g. 07 is July; 09, September.

Then the day of the month is given, 10, 15, 24 etc.

The location of the sighting is given next (town, city, etc.) - Dallas.

Following the location are the pages on which the sighting may be found. If the account of the sighting is completely contained on one page, just the page number is given. But if the report is carried on more than one page, the pagination is listed thusly: 032+.

In the last column is the source number. Each UFO monograph is assigned a number. These numbers are not to be construed as indications of the quality of the work. Source 002, *Flying Saucer Occupants*. is not to be thought of as the second best work in ufology. They are merely identification numbers. In the examples given below, source 007 is Vallee's *Passport to Magonia*.

USA	AL	1947	07	06 Birmingham	032	006
CAN	AT	1967	05	07 Edmonton	344	007
MEX	DF	1965	09	10 Mexico City	317	007
010		1968	10	09 Lins	359	007

Completely decoded the four sighting given as examples would read:
The sighting which occurred over Birmingham, Alabama on July 6, 1947 can be found on page 32 of Ruppelt's *Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*.
The Edmonton, Alberta, Canada case of May 7, 1967 can be located on page 344 of *Passport to Magonia*; the September 10, 1965 sighting at Mexico City and the incident which occurred October 9, 1968 at Lins, Brazil may be found in the same work on pages 317 and 359 respectively.

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IA IOWA
KS KANSAS
KY KENTUCKY
LA LOUISIANA
ME MAINE
MD MARYLAND
MA MASSACHUSETTS
MI MICHIGAN
MN MINNESOTA
MS MISSISSIPPI

MO MISSOURI
MT MONTANA
NB NEBRASKA
NV NEVADA
NH NEW HAMPSHIRE
NJ NEW JERSEY
NM NEW MEXICO
NY NEW YORK
NC NORTH CAROLINA
ND NORTH DAKOTA
OH OHIO
OK OKLAHOMA
OR OREGON
PA PENNSYLVANIA
RI RHODE ISLAND
SC SOUTH CAROLINA
SD SOUTH DAKOTA
TN TENNESSEE
TX TEXAS
UT UTAH
VT VERMONT
VA VIRGINIA
WA WASHINGTON (STATE)
WV WEST VIRGINIA
WI WISCONSIN

WY WYOMING

Canada

AT ALBERTA
BC BRITISH COLUMBIA
MB MANITOBA
NB NEW BRUNSWICK
NF NEWFOUNDLAND

NS NOVA SCOTIA
ON ONTARIO
PE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
QU QUEBEC
SA SASKATCHEWAN

Mexico

AG AGUASCALIENTES
BC BAJA CALIFORNIA
BS BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR
CM CAMPECHE
CH CHIAPAS
CI CHIHUAHUA
CU COAHUILA

CL COLIMA
DF DISTRITO FEDERAL
DU DURANGO
GU GUANAJUATO
GE GUERRERO
HD HIDALGO
JA JALISCO

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STATE/PROVINCE CODES cont.

MX MEXICO
MC MICHOACAN
MR MORELOS
NA NAYARIT
NL NUEVO LEON
OA OAXACA
PU PUEBLO
QE QUERETARO
QR QUINTANA ROO

SL SAN LUIS POTOSI
SI SINALOA
SO SONORA
TA TABASCO
TM TAMAULIPAS
TL TLAXCALA
VE VERACRUZ
YU YUCATAN
ZA ZACATECAS

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CODE FOR FOREIGN NATIONS

001 AFGHANISTAN
002 ALBANIA
003 ALGERIA
004 ARGENTINA
005 AUSTRALIA
006 AUSTRIA
007 BELGIUM
122 BHUTAN
008 BOLIVIA
009 BOTSWANA
010 BRAZIL
011 BULGARIA
012 BURMA
013 BURUNDI
014 BYELORUSSIAN SSR
015 CAMBODIA
016 CAMEROON
018 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
019 CEYLON
020 CHAD
021 CHILE
123 CHINA (PEKING)
022 CHINA (TAIWAN)
023 COLOMBIA
024 CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)
025 CONGO (DEM. REPUBLIC)
026 COSTA RICA
027 CUBA
028 CYPRESS
029 CZECHOSLOVAKIA
030 DAHOMEY

031 DENMARK
032 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
124 EAST GERMANY
003 ECUADOR
034 EL SALVADOR
035 ETHIOPIA
036 FINLAND
037 FRANCE
038 GABON
039 GAMBIA
040 GHANA
041 GREECE
042 GUATEMALA
043 GUINEA
044 GUYANA
045 HAITI
046 HONDURAS
047 HUNGARY
048 ICELAND
049 INDIA
050 INDONESIA
051 IRAN
052 IRAQ
053 IRELAND
054 ISRAEL
055 ITALY
056 IVORY COAST
057 JAMAICA
058 JAPAN
059 JORDAN
060 KENYA

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CODE FOR FOREIGN NATIONS cont.

061	KUWAIT	095	SENEGAL
062	LAOS	096	SIERRA LEONE
063	LEBANON	097	SINGAPORE
064	LESOTHO	098	SOMALIA
065	LIBERIA	099	SOUTH AFRICA
066	LIBYA	131	SOUTH KOREA
125	LIECHTENSTEIN	132	SOUTH VIETNAM
067	LUXEMBOURG	100	SPAIN
068	MADAGASCAR	101	SUDAN
069	MALAWI	127	SULTANATE OF MUSCAT & OMAN
070	MALAYSIA	102	SWEDEN
071	MALDIVE ISLANDS	133	SWITZERLAND
072	MALI	103	SYRIA
073	MALTA	104	THAILAND
074	MAURITANIA	105	TOGO
126	MONACO	106	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
076	MONGOLIA	107	TUNISIA
077	MOROCCO	108	TURKEY
078	NEPAL	109	UGANDA
079	NETHERLANDS	110	UKRAINIAN SSR
080	NEW ZEALAND	111	USSR
081	NICARAGUA	112	UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT)
082	NIGER	113	UNITED KINGDOM
083	NIGERIA	113 ENG	ENGLAND
128	NORTH KOREA	113 SCO	SCOTLAND
129	NORTH VIETNAM	113 NIR	N. IRELAND
084	NORWAY	113 WAL	WALES
085	PAKISTAN	114	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
086	PANAMA	114 TAN	TANGANYIKA
087	PARAGUAY	114 ZAN	ZANZIBAR
088	PERU	116	UPPER VOLTA
089	PHILLIPINES	117	URUGUAY
090	POLAND	118	VENEZUELA
091	PORTUGAL	135	WEST GERMANY
092	RUMANIA	134	WEST SAMOA
093	RWANDA	119	YEMEN
130	SAN MARINO	120	YUGOSLAVIA
094	SAUDI ARABIA	121	ZAMBIA

CODE FOR INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS

W01	ADRIATIC SEA	W03	ANDAMAN SEA	W05	ARAFURA SEA
W02	AEGEAN SEA	W04	ARABIAN SEA	W06	ARTIC OCEAN

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CODE FOR INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS cont.

W07	ATLANTIC OCEAN	W29	GULF OF BOTHNIA	W51	MEDITERRANEAN SEA
W08	BAFFIN BAY	W30	GULF OF CALIFORNIA	W52	MIRTOON SEA
W09	BALTIC SEA	W31	GULF OF DARIEN	W53	MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL
W10	BANDA SEA	W32	GULF OF FINLAND	W54	NORTH SEA
W11	BARENTS SEA	W33	GULF OF GUINEA	W55	NORWEGIAN SEA
W12	BAY OF BENGAL	W34	GULF OF HONDURAS	W56	PACIFIC OCEAN
W13	BAY OF BISCAY	W35	GULF OF MEXICO	W57	PERSIAN GULF
W14	BAY OF FUNDAY	W36	GULF OF OMAN	W58	RED SEA
W15	BEAUFORT SEA	W37	GULF OF RIGA	W59	ROSS SEA
W16	BERING SEA	W38	GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE	W60	SCOTIA SEA
W17	BLACK SEA	W39	GULF OF SIAM	W61	SEA OF JAPAN
W18	CARIBBEAN SEA	W40	GULF OF TARANTO	W62	SEA OF MARMARA
W19	CASPIAN SEA	W41	GULF OF TONKIN	W63	SEA OF OKHOTSK
W20	CELEBES SEA	W42	HUDSON BAY	W64	SOUTH CHINA SEA
W21	CORAL SEA	W43	INDIAN OCEAN	W65	STRAIT OF DENMARK
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W23	EAST CHINA SEA	W45	IRISH SEA	W67	SULU SEA
W24	EAST SIBERIAN SEA	W46	JAVA SEA	W68	TASMAN SEA
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W26	FLORES SEA	W48	LAPTEV SEA	W70	TYRRHENIAN SEA
W27	GREENLAND SEA	W49	LIGURIAN SEA	W71	WEDDELL SEA
W28	GULF OF ADEN	W50	LINCOLN SEA	W72	YELLOW SEA

CODE FOR ISLANDS OF THE WORLD (Limited to those which are not independent nations. Other islands will be added as needed. *Ed.*)

I01	BAHRAIN	I15	HONG KONG
I02	BARBADOS	I16	MARTINIQUE
I03	BOUGAINVILLE	I17	MAURITIUS
I04	CORSICA	I18	NEW CALEDONIA
I05	CRETE	I19	NEW IRELAND
I06	CURACAO	I20	NORTH EAST LAND
I07	DOMINICA	I21	OKINAWA
I08	FALKLAND ISLANDS	I22	REUNION
I09	GREENLAND	I23	ST. LUCIA
I10	GRENADA	I24	ST. VINCENT
I11	GUADALCANAL	I25	TAHITI
I12	GUADELOUPE	I26	TIMOR (Portuguese sector)
I13	GUAM	I27	VITI LEVU
I14	GUERNSEY	I28	WEST SPITSBERGEN

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Allen Benz

Entries in the World Sighting Index (WSI) are divided into two large categories, North American and Global. In this issue we are presenting a total of 23 cases, divided among North American and Global. The sources for these cases are: 001, *Flying saucers: The startling evidence of the invasion from outer space*; 002, *Flying saucer occupants*; 003, *UFOs over the Americas*; 004, *UFOs: The whole story*; 007, *Passport to Magonia*; 014, *Challenge to science*; 022, *Humanoids, orig. ed.*; 023, *Humanoids, rev. ed.*; 026, *Flying saucers and the straight line mystery*; 031, *Flying saucers uncensored*; 034, (Perego), *Sono extraterrestri*.

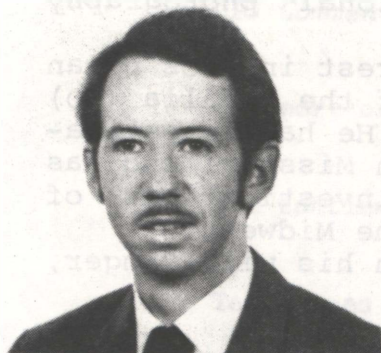
NORTH AMERICAN CASES

CAN	1929	07	??	Robsart	189	007
CAN	1948	??	??	Swastika	192	007
CAN	1953	12	??	Sherbrook	205	007
CAN	1954	08	27	Boston Creek	208	007
					227	031
CAN	1957	07	15	????????????????	078+	004
CAN	1957	11	06	Baskatong Lake	264	007
					249	026
CAN	1959	04	29	Grassy Plains	275	007
CAN	1959	10	02	Glenora	277	007
CAN	1964	11	??	St. Alexis de Montcalm	303	007
CAN	1966	09	21	Summerside	336	007
CAN	1967	06	13	Caledonia	346	007
CAN AT	1967	06	??	Camrose	030+	003

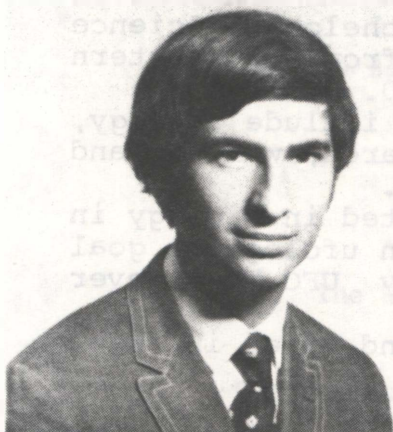
GLOBAL CASES

003	1954	10	11	Lavarande	225	007
003	1954	10	24	Ain-el-Turck	237	007
004	1943	09	??	Oncativo	190	007
004	1950	??	??	Bahia Blanca	059+	001
004	1950	03	18	Lago Argentino	108	002
					194	007
					032	022
					089+	023
004	1954	10	23	Buenos Aires	048	001
004	1954	11	14	Berna	049	001
004	1954	11	14	Buenos Aires	049	001
004	1957	05	01	Pajas Blancas Airport (Cordoba)	255+	007
					035	022
					098+	023
004	1957	08	20	Quilino	257	007
					036	022
					100	023
004	1958	04	15	Tabliditas	271	007
004	1958	05	27	Boca del Tigre	271	007
					034	

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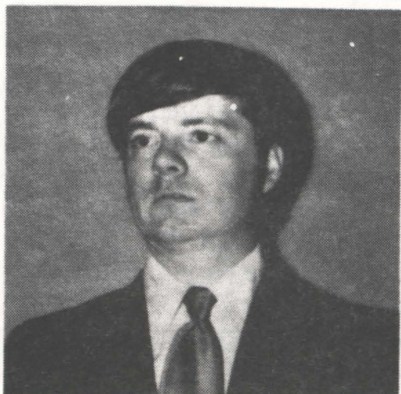
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